

REMARKS

Claims 2-12, 17-21, 28, and 29 are pending in this application. All of the pending claims have been allowed. By this Amendment, Applicants propose canceling claims 30-34 to place this application in condition for immediate allowance.

The final Office Action contains several rejections of claims 30-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Ota (U.S. Patent No. 6,201,571), Steinberg (U.S. Patent No. 5,862,218), Oikawa (U.S. Patent No. 5,666,578), and/or Friend et al. (Understanding Data Communications). These rejections are rendered moot by cancellation of claims 30-34. Therefore, timely issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.


Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered, placing all pending claims 2-12, 17-21, 28, and 29 in condition for allowance. Applicants also submit that the proposed cancellation of claims 30-34 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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